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Statement submitted by the International Chamber of Commerce, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraph 10 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/80.

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1. The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has closely followed the intergovernmental discussion of this matter since the proposal for the review was first advanced and has submitted both oral and written statements of its views on a number of previous occasions.

2. Those statements have basically emphasized the ICC belief that:

(a) The United Nations should be broadly open to truly representative non-governmental organizations;

(b) The review should basically look to expanding the substantive involvement of the non-governmental sector in the work of the United Nations and the expansion of the participatory rights and privileges of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(c) The basic rules embodied in Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV) still have validity and should be retained;

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(d) The very real distinction between non-governmental organizations that are truly global in scope and represent important constituencies with broad concerns and those with a limited membership and a narrow focus is fundamental to an efficient consultative process and should not be ignored.

3. ICC continues to hold these views and hopes that they will be taken into account during the deliberations of the Working Group.

4. ICC has carefully studied the draft resolution (E/AC.70/1995/CRP.1) and has prepared a compilation of suggested modifications; this compilation is available from the ICC/United Nations Liaison Office, New York (Tel. 354-4480).